Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(a) (1) 378.
(2) 184.
(3) 121.
(4) 59.

(b) These files relate to matters besides complaints and it will be difficult to give the names of parties involved in each of the pending files which if taken will be a very long list.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the reason for the delay? 59 files were not disposed off even after three years.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.— Some of them may relate to old contracts which are even now pending. Without referring to the particular files I cannot say why they were not disposed of.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there files in which there were complaints which were not disposed of even after three years?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I want notice.

Sirkar Elephants—expenditure and income on their account.

368. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the names of all Sirkar elephants in the State;

(b) the amount of expenditure on account of each of them in 1110 and the income derived from each?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.— (a) A statement showing the names of elephants is appended (*AppendixII.*)

(b) A statement showing the expenditure and income derived is appended. (*Appendix III.*)

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Sir, I want to make a word of explanation. In the appendix given you will find 9 elephants. But as a matter of fact since the submission of the figures for this answer, two elephants have been transferred to the Devaswom Department. Now we have got only 7 elephants.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the reason for this enormous expenditure with regard to these elephants?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—The income from these elephants is derived only by giving them on pattam for Ulthsa-

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vams and processions. All these elephants are not fully working animals. Some are small ones.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Does a single elephant bring income above the expenditure?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—It has not been able to meet the expenditure from the income of an elephant.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Every private owner gets some profit from the animal.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—In those cases, they have got large animals which can be sent for Ulthsavams. In our case most of them are young ones.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Are they not generally sent for Ultsavams?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Yes. It is only in the case of certain Devaswoms.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Was there any time when the income was in excess of the expenditure?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Then why do the Government keep these animals?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—This question has been raised in this Council some years back. It is not for earning purposes alone that they are maintained. It is a paraphernalia related to Royal processions. Then we have to furnish animals to the Devaswoms for Ulthsavams. Though we do not get any direct gain there is a saving in that Department.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Are we to understand that the Forest Department is bound to give elephants to the Devaswoms?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—It is not bound to give. In one or two years when the department had not got suitable elephants we were asked to get elephants for pattam. We had to pay something like 3,300 rupees for that.

Mr. President.—I thought that only white elephants are costly but here the black elephants are also equally costly. (laughter).

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—I don't think that there is any elephant owner in this State who will say that his elephant is a loss.

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വിശിഷ്യ തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു് അടിയങ്ങളുടെ കൂപ്പുമാടങ്ങൾ ധാരാളമുള്ള ഈ പ്രദേശത്തു് എഴുന്നള്ളി ജീവിതത്തിൽ വളരെ പണിപ്പെട്ടാൽ മാത്രം ഒന്നു ദർശിക്കാവുന്ന തിരുവുടലിനെ ദർശിപ്പാനിടയാക്കിയതിനും അടിയങ്ങളുടെ നാടിനെ തൃപ്പാദങ്ങൾ വെച്ചു് പരിപൂരിതമാക്കിയതിനും തിരുമേനിയോടു് അടിയങ്ങൾക്കുള്ള അനിർവ്വാച്യമായ സന്തോഷത്തെ തുറന്നണത്തിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

അവസാനമായി അവിടത്തെ പ്രശസ്തമായ ഭരണവല്ലരിശോഭായമാനമായി ഭവിപ്പാനും അവിടന്നു് ആയുരാരോഗ്യസമ്പൽസമൃദ്ധിയോടുകൂടി ചിരകാലം നാടുവാണരുളുവാനും ജഗദീശ്വരനോടു് പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു് ഈ മംഗളപത്രത്തെ തിരുമേനിയുടെ തൃപ്പാദാരവിന്ദങ്ങളിൽ സാദരം സമർപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

APPENDIX II.

(Question No. 368).

List of Sirkar Elephants in the State.

Serial No.	Name of elephant	Remarks
1	Raman	
2	Ramavarman	
3	Krishnan	
4	Lekshmanan	
5	Ayyappan	
6	Bhaskaran	
7	Gopalan	
8	Karthiayani	
9	Lekshmi	

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APPENDIX III.

(Question No. 268).

Statement showing the expenditure and income derived on each Elephant during the year 1110.

Serial No.	Name of elephant	Expenditure Rs.	A.	P.	Revenue Rs.	A.	P.	Remarks
1	Raman	591	4	2	409	8	0	
2	Ramavarman	604	13	2	180	12	0	
3	Krishnan	631	7	2	234	8	0	
4	Ayyappan	610	15	1	198	4	0	
5	Lekshmanan	578	2	1	69	0	0	
6	Bhaskaran	332	7	6	81	4	0	
7	Gopalan	317	13	6	53	0	0	
8	Karthiayani	342	4	10	34	0	0	
9	Lakshmi	585	15	3	11	0	0*	
	Total ..	4,595	2	9	1,271	4	0	

* This includes the feeding charges while stationed at Chottanikkara for dedication, including the cost of rice to mahouts.

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